

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 remain pending in the application.

Applicants appreciatively note that claims 4-10 and 12-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-3 and 11 rejected under 35 U.S. C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by the EP 0 829 704 A2 (hereinafter '704EP). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 requires a user input device. Examiner has not indicated where a user input devices disclosed in '704. For at least this reason claim 1 is not anticipated by '704 EP.

Further, activating each icon animates and enlarges the icon and the animation comprises a three or four frame animation. Nowhere is animation disclosed and for at least this reason claims 1 and 11 are not anticipated by '704 EP.

The Examiner states that the patent to Fujiwara et al. EP '704 discloses a database of locations 12 and a display showing a plurality of icons that are associated with the least one location and may animate the display as disclosed in columns 12 and 15 and figures 18 and 21. The Examiner is correct, however, claim 1 requires "a use a device selectively activating one of said plurality of icons", whereas the examiner states that the display is animated in EP '704. Claim 1 requires that the icon be animated not the display. For at least this reason, claims 1 and 11 are not anticipated by '704 EP.

Anticipation requires that each and every element of the claim be disclosed in the applied reference. Because '704 EP not disclose all the claim limitations, claims 1 and 11 should be allowable. Claims 2-3, dependent on independent claim 1 should be patentable for the reason discussed above with respect claim 1 as well as on their own merits. Accordingly, the anticipation rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is honestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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